AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, lines 4-7, please amend the specification as shown below:

CROSSREFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of <u>co-pending</u> application Serial No. 09/564,212 entitled "ION-SENSITIVE, WATER DISPERSIBLE POLYMERS, A METHOD OF MAKING SAME AND ITEMS USING SAME" and filed in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 4, 2000, and this application also claims benefit of provisional patent application Serial No. 60/318,568, filed September 10, 2001. The entirety of this application Serial No. 09/564,212, filed May 4, 2000 is hereby incorporated by reference.

